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SUBJECT: ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING - NATIONAL PRESS

CLUB LUNCHEON

1. PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ INFORMS US THAT ASEAN CURRENTLY PLANS THAT ONLY SINGAPORE FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM WILL MAKE OPENING REMARKS AT NPC LUNCHEON. UNFORTUNATELY NPC HAS ALREADY RELEASED PUBLICITY INDICATING THAT BOTH RAJARATNAM AND PHILIPPINE MINISTER OF FINANCE VERATA WILL GIVE BRIEF OPENING REMARKS. NPC OFFICIALS SAY IT IS TOO LATE TO CHANGE ITS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

2. WE SUGGESTED TO AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ THAT RAJARATNAM MIGHT INTRODUCE VERATA AT THE END OF HIS REMARKS AND VERATA COULD SAY A FEW WORDS BEFORE OPENING THE LUNCHEON TO QUESTIONS.

3. PLEASE PASS THIS SUGGESTION TO GOP AND SINGAPORE OFFICIALS TO SEE IF THE ABOVE SUGGESTION MIGHT BE FEASIBLE.

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